

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes for March 9, 2010, Meeting (County Budget Program)

Chair: Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

- Welcomed attendees and recognized **Chairman Bulova, Supervisor Cook** and BDC officers.
- Announced **April 13th BDC Meeting** is the **Legislative Forum** for invited State Senators and Delegates representing Braddock Distric.
- “**Snow Summit**” at Government Center March 16 at 3:30 pm. Public welcome but input is via [website](#) prior to meeting. Meeting will be broadcast live on channel 16. BDC Board is considering submitting comments.
- **Neighborhood College:** On-going 6 week program on Monday evenings. Several BDC members are attending.
- **Dog Park:** BDC will develop a Position Paper to coordinate assistance from county offices and Braddock Supervisor.
- **U.S. Census** coming soon. The more forms returned, the more State & Federal funds Fairfax receives. Fill it in and send it back!
- **Braddock Information Forum** Feb 16 was well attended. Kudos to **Tena Bluhm**.
- **BDC Website** updated - thanks to **Mike Perel** for great work on www.bdcfx.org .
- **Braddock District – George Mason Forum** on Feb 3 was attended by BDC representatives, Supervisor Cook, Delegate Bulova, Councilman Greenfield, and GMU senior officials.
- **BDC Committees Needing Volunteers:**
 - Grass Mowing Action Committee
 - Nominating Committee for election of BDC officers
 - Best of Braddock Awards Selection Committee
 - Braddock District Picnic Committee

Treasurer’s Report:

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| - Carry-over BDC account balance: | \$2,848.24 |
| - 2010 BDC dues rec’d on 9 Mar. | \$ 25.00 (1 Association) |
| - Braddock Beautification balance | \$1,851.96 |
| - Mary Reed Memorial Balance | <u>\$ 610.12</u> |
| - BDC account balance a/o 5 Mar: | \$5,310.32 (excludes dues rec’d 9 Mar.) |

Grass Mowing Vote Results:

After a number of member-requested and snow-weather delays, the final vote results are:

- **8** votes for **Option A** - BDC actively Raise Funds for Contractor Services
- **4** votes for **Option B** - BDC actively Organize Associations and Individuals to Cut Grass
- **10** votes for **Option C** - BDC actively pursue changing State laws to solve VDOT's limited ability to frequently mow grass to Braddock expectations
- **2** votes Abstain

Option C is the BDC membership choice.

- As summarized in the ballot, Option C actions include:
 - Prepare Guidelines for Braddock organizations and individuals to mow grass in their local area safely and within appropriate VDOT procedures.
 - Use BDC member donations to hire contractor(s) for mowing median strips on the most dangerous roads. This will to reduce risks for volunteers who desire to assist in grass upkeep.

Next Step: Grass Mowing Action Committee will ask for volunteer help in framing specific details to accomplish Option C. This activity will define the BDC approach and how to accomplish the task. It may include a Grass Roots campaign, Reach Out to other districts, engagement with elected officials, cooperation with the Fairfax Federation, trips to Richmond to present legislators with BDC concerns, Letter/Post Card campaigns, or workshops. Specific actions will be identified by the engaged volunteers.

Summary: The vote focused the direction BDC is to pursue. Actual progress in achieving results will depend on Volunteers becoming actively engaged. The number and duration of volunteers working on the Grass Committee will demonstrate whether or not this is a critical concern for Braddock residents.

Future Events:

- Braddock District Town Hall Budget hearings:
 - Monday, March 15, 7:30 pm, Robinson HS cafeteria
 - Saturday, March 20, 10–11:30 am, Ravensworth ES gymnasium
 - Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 pm, Little Run ES cafeteria
- Legislative Forum, Tuesday, April 13 BDC meeting
- BDC Meeting, Tuesday, May 10
- BDC Elections, Tuesday, June 8 BDC meeting
- Best of Braddock Awards Announcement, Tuesday, June 8 BDC meeting
- Braddock Picnic, Tuesday, July 13 BDC meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Submitted by:
Bruce Wallachy
Secretary, BDC
11 March 2010

Approved by:
Bill Barfield
Chairman, BDC

Attachment: Summary of 2011 Budget Plan Presentation

Fairfax County 2011 Advertised Budget Plan Presentation

Presented by Katie Horstman and Christina Jackson, Fairfax County Dept. of Management and Budget

County website to obtain details on all aspects of the Budget is <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>

Projected **6%** General Fund revenue decline **shortfall:** **\$ 257.2 M**

Proposed **solutions to balance** the 2011 Budget:

County Spending Reductions	(\$ 103.3 M)
1% School Operating Transfer	(\$ 16.3 M)
Applied & Managed Reserves	(\$ 37.9 M)
Revenue Enhancements	(\$ 121.4 M)
Reserve for Revenue Reductions	<u>\$ 21.7 M</u>
BALANCE	\$ 0.0 M

In fifteen **Community Dialog meetings** to develop citizen tax and expenditure priorities, 1,100 residents reviewed, discussed and commented on formulating the 2011 Fairfax County budget.

Residential real estate tax revenue accounts for approximately 76% of total tax base but that revenue is projected to decrease 5.56%.

Non-residential real estate revenue is projected to decrease 18.3%.

Real estate tax rate increase of 5 cents to \$1.09 per \$100 for 2011 but due to decreasing home value assessments, the effect on an *average* home valued at \$432,439 is a reduction of \$48.55 in this tax.

The overall effect on an *average* Fairfax household can expect 2011 Fairfax Tax Revenue Enhancements of:

	<u>FY11 Tax</u>	<u>vs. FY10</u>
Real Estate	\$4,713	-\$48
Storm water Levy Increase	\$65	+\$19
Sewer Service Charge Increase	\$420	+\$58
Vehicle Registration (\$33/Vehicle)	<u>\$66</u>	<u>+\$66</u>
Total	\$5,264	+\$95 tax increase

Biggest Budget Reductions: (for specific reductions, please refer to on-line Budget documentation)

- Net Reduction of 284 Positions
- No employee Compensation Increases
- Decrease School Operations Funding (-\$16.3M)
- Decrease School Debt Service (-\$3M)

Fairfax County Budget Hearings: (refer to the Budget website for places and times)

- April 6 – 8, 2010 Public Hearings
- April 20, 2010 Budget Mark-Up
- April 27, 2010 Budget Adoption

Send comments to: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/fy11_budget_comment.htm